

Ex 3 b) Find $\int \frac{dx}{a + b \sin x}$

Let $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$, $u = at + b$ ($du = a dt$), $k = \sqrt{|a^2 - b^2|}$

$$I = \int \frac{\frac{2}{1+t^2} dt}{a + b \frac{2t}{1+t^2}} = \int \frac{2 dt}{a(1+t^2) + 2bt} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$= \int \frac{2a dt}{a^2 t^2 + 2abt + a^2} = \int \frac{2a dt}{(at+b)^2 - b^2 + a^2} = \int \frac{2 du}{u^2 - b^2 + a^2} \quad \dots (2)$$

No solution when $a = 0$ and $b = 0$. Three cases left:

1) $|a| = |b| \neq 0$, 2) $|a| > |b|$ and 3) $|b| > |a|$

Case 1: $|a| = |b| \neq 0$

$$I = \int \frac{2du}{u^2} = \frac{-2}{u} + C = \frac{-2}{a \tan \frac{x}{2} + b} + C$$

Case 2: $|a| > |b| \quad \therefore k = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$, $a^2 - b^2 = k^2$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{2 du}{u^2 - b^2 + a^2} \quad \text{from (2)} \\ &= \int \frac{2 du}{u^2 + k^2} = \frac{2}{k} \tan^{-1} \frac{u}{k} + C \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} \tan^{-1} \frac{a \tan \frac{x}{2} + b}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} + C \end{aligned}$$

Case 3a: $|b| > |a| > 0 \quad \therefore k = \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}$, $b^2 - a^2 = k^2$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{2 du}{u^2 - b^2 + a^2} \quad \text{from (2)} \\ &= \int \frac{2 du}{u^2 - k^2} = \frac{1}{k} \int \frac{1}{u-k} - \frac{1}{u+k} du \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \ln \left| \frac{u-k}{u+k} \right| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 - a^2}} \ln \left| \frac{a \tan \frac{x}{2} + b - \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}}{a \tan \frac{x}{2} + b + \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}} \right| + C \end{aligned}$$

Case 3b: $|b| > |a| = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{2 dt}{a(1+t^2) + 2bt} \quad \text{from (1)} \\ &= \int \frac{2}{2bt} dt = \frac{\ln |\tan \frac{x}{2}|}{b} + C \end{aligned}$$